GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LAW ON MOB CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some recent incidents of violence have revealed that the tendency on the parts of mobs to take law in their hands are on the increase;

(b) if so, whether the Government has considered any structural changes in the laws with a view to provide expedient administration of justice in the wake of this tendency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. However, in the recent past, some incidents of mob violence have come to notice in the States of U.P. , Bihar, Rajasthan, Harayana, W. Bengal, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. As per the Constitution 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. to maintain law and order in their States and ensure safety and security of their people. However, in the wake of incidents of mob violence, all States / UTs have been advised by the Central Govt. on 19.9.2007 to adequately sensitize their police force so that the mob is not allowed to indulge in violence and the action taken by the police against the persons / perpetrators of such violence be given wide publicity so as to deter such mob fury and activity.